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1. Victorious Youths Movement

Special, 2011

Introduction

Victorious Youths Movement (VICYOMO) is based in Limbe, South West of Cameroon. It strives to improve the quality of life of the communities in Africa, through capacity building and advocacy for environmental friendly, sustainable and culturally oriented development policies. It focuses on women, youth, agriculture, human rights, orphans and ethnic communities who are the most hit by poverty in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VICYOMO's main objectives are to implement capacity building projects for youth and women; advocate for environmental safety; fight against HIV/AIDS; and alleviate poverty in Cameroon.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

One of the organization's main activities during the reporting period has been the annual HIV/AIDS sensitisation campaign. Activities included HIV/AIDS screening with the support of private health facilitators who also conducted counselling. Workshops also addressed prevention and reduction of stigmatisation of people infected and affected by the disease.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VICYOMO participated in several international and national conferences, seminars and trainings. Some of these include the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Project Management Course in Dakar, Senegal, March 2011, and the First African Urban Youths Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria, July 2011. The organization was also involved in post-2015 discussions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VICYOMO has cooperated with UN-Habitat during the reporting period. The programme financed a project carried out by the organization entitled "Alleviation of Youth Poverty Through Piggery".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In line with the goal on poverty alleviation, VICYOMO has prioritised society-based projects for the betterment of youth and general rural livelihood. It implemented micro capacity building projects aimed at empowering young Cameroonians with skills in the agricultural and economic domains. Over five hundred youths were trained in piggery management as part of the piggery project carried out in 2012.

2. Viet Nam Family Planning Association

Special, 2007

Introduction

Vietnam Family Planning Association (VINAFPA) was established in Vietnam in 1993. It works nationally on community health care, reproductive health care, sexual health care and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VINAFPA's mandate is to contribute to the improvement of the health status and family welfare of all Vietnamese citizens and protect their rights by providing information, counselling and quality service on sexual and reproductive health, family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization disseminates information on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It also advises the government on the issues of reproductive health, family planning, and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 45th, 46th, and 47th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) in New York. It also attended and made a statement at the 26th regular session of the Human Rights Council, 10-27 June 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In line with goal 3, VINAFPA works on the issues of gender equality in the family and the reduction of family and sexual violence. Towards goal 5, VINAFPA has provided information and services to thousands of pregnant women and provided sexual and reproductive health services to thousands of people. VINAFPA has implemented various activities towards the prevention of Sexual Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and HIV/AIDS towards MDG 6.

3. Vision Welfare Group

Special, 2011

Introduction

Vision Welfare Youth Group (Vision) was established in Kenya in 2004 to support initiatives of youths and strengthen their capacities through trainings and income-generating projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Vision exists to encourage and strengthen collective social, economic, cultural and environmental initiatives developed by youths in the informal settlements through mainstreaming core values such as equity, responsibility and social justice. Vision maximizes its impact through the following strategic objectives: undertaking capacity building for individual youth; engaging in policy advocacy to ensure full participation of youth in national and international issues; gathering and providing information on youth developmental issues; and networking with like-minded organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Vision Welfare Group has held campaigns to fight against drug abuse in Kiambu District of Kenya, working together with the National NGO Council of Kenya, which receives support from a number of United Nations agencies in Kenya. The organization was also active in fighting drug abuse and alcoholism in rural and suburban Kenya. It also held campaigns on violence against women in Central Kenya, in the form of one-on-one counselling.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Vision actively participated in the 6th session of the World Urban Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), September 2012, Naples, Italy. It took part in the sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in 2011 and 2013, Nairobi, and actively participated in the plenary and the women and youth caucuses. Vision participated in the Fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Panama, November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Vision has worked with UNODC in campaigns on fight against corruption and drug abuse in Kenya. It has also partnered with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) on several initiatives, reports, and campaigns to address challenges faced by women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Vision has worked to empower the youth and women to improve their environmental rights. Through the organization's work, they have gained leadership skills and learned how social organizations are run and managed. Through its support of the work of UN-Habitat, Vision also contributed to the MDG targets of slum upgrading, water and sanitation. It has also contributed to poverty reduction and improvement of the status of women and the opportunities for youth under the umbrella of the MDGs.

4. Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan

Special, 2011

Introduction

Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan (VSSU) was established in 1983 to empower distant villages and weaker rural communities in the district of South 24 Parganas in West Bengal, India. VSSU's arena of endeavours encompasses the people whose lives are subjugated by extreme poverty, illiteracy, and disease.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VSSU's mission lies on poverty alleviation and social development through microfinance and employment generation programmes. To achieve its mission, VSSU promotes livelihoods projects among low income families, such as educational programmes, skills training and professional programmes, and sanitation programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

VSSU organized the International Brotherhood Conference 2012, 27 September-2 October 2012, that gathered over 50,000 people over a period of six days and covered the following themes: poverty alleviation, human rights, child mortality, education, sustainability, and the environment. Besides the conference, since 2011, VSSU has mostly focused on "Education for All" programmes. It is running 10 nursery schools, 2 junior high and primary schools, and destitute homes for children. VSSU has also developed skill training and vocational training programmes for the youth and women to generate employment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VSSU attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The organization also attended the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, March-December 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

VSSU has focused its efforts on education during the reporting period. VSSU International School was established in February 2013. The school educates children from lower Kindergarten to class four and provides subjects such as Bengali, English, Sciences, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Culture and Arts. It also provides transportation so that children from neighbouring villages may also attend. Towards MDG 7, VSSU developed some programmes focused on solar energy, tree plantation and nurseries (300,000 trees planted over 140 kilometres of side road) and an eco-tourism project.

5. Wales Assembly of Women

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Wales Assembly of Women was established in 1984 to provide evidence from Wales, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and take part in activities marking the end of the United Nations Decade for Women (1975-1985).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to fight for women's rights, primarily in Wales, through the promotion of women's human rights. It lobbies the government to help all women in Wales realise a full life. It uses the Beijing Platform for Action to benchmark progress — or lack of progress — in a number of areas and focuses particularly on education, violence and health.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization disseminates information on the United Nations at large and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in particular. Wales Assembly of Women has held governments and individual ministers of government accountable for failures, relying on United Nations conventions, as well as the Beijing Platform for Action. It also held conferences highlighting the human rights of women as outlined by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Wales Assembly of Women has participated in the annual sessions of the CSW, including by holding joint side events. The organization also attended the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Geneva Regional Consultation on Beijing+20, November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has written Shadow Reports for the United Kingdom's examination before the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization uses the MDGs as part of its strategy on women's rights. In addition, the organization works with other organizations in Wales to focus on education and lobby the government to improve educational opportunities in Wales and decrease the level of child poverty.

6. Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources

Special, 1995

Introduction

Created in 1989, the Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources Inc. (Wittenberg Center) is a publicly supported, non-profit organization, which brings environmental, spiritual, and indigenous leaders together with policy makers with the purpose of creating a sustainable future for generations to come.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Wittenberg Center's purpose is to facilitate a bridging of ancient wisdom with contemporary life. The centre is committed to creating forums for the global dissemination of information on Earth awareness, indigenous cultures, environmental sustainability, human rights, interfaith dialogue, and women's rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Wittenberg Center has facilitated numerous events and programmes for youth, the general public, and a wide variety of change makers and policy makers. It disseminates information and increases awareness through social media and the work of the Alliance of Civilizations. The Wittenberg Center also co-sponsored greetings and arrival ceremonies on the Day of World's Indigenous Peoples for the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign and the Dakota Unity Riders, 9 August 2013, New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the centre has brought many indigenous representatives to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). It has also hosted numerous events during United Nations meetings. In particular, it co-sponsored the "Protect the Sacred All Nations Prayer Ceremony for Mother Earth", in conjunction with UNPFII, 17 May 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Wittenberg Center has participated in the NGO Committee on the United Nations International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples. Activities include annual reports to Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO); outreach to indigenous communities; and participation in and coordination with the Secretariat of the UNPFII. The Wittenberg Center also served on the coordinating committee for The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples in August of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014. The centre has also been a member of and co-sponsored several programmes with the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations and the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Wittenberg Center sponsored the 13th UNPFII side event "Protecting and Restoring Sacred Sites", 13 May 2014, New York, which focused partially on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) mandate to assist Indigenous Peoples in securing safe accessibility to sacred sites for ceremonial use and specific measures to protect ceremonial artefacts.

7. Woïyo Kondeye

Special, 2007

Introduction

Woiyo Kondeye is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established in Mali in 1994. It works at the national level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Woiyo Kondeye aims to support the most disadvantaged (rural and urban) communities; to help protect the environment, among other things through forest management and community forestry; and to participate in all national activities to achieve sustainable development and the advancement of women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization engages in advocacy with partner networks aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It strives for observance of human rights, especially those of women and girls; climate change mitigation; and peace. The organization also helps to disseminate United Nations instruments, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Security Council resolution 1325.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). It has also participated in United Nations subregional workshops on such topics as AIDS, sexual health, human rights and gender equality, in Dakar, Senegal; Geneva, Switzerland; and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The NGO cooperates with the following bodies, among others:

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in its peace-building and social cohesion programmes;
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with respect to the enrolment of girls in school;
- The World Food Programme (WFP), in the area of food security; and
- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization focuses on famine relief; education; glaring violations of women's and girls' rights during the crisis; environmental protection through agro-ecology projects, access to safe water, small-scale community forestry, and awareness-building regarding climate change; and HIV/AIDS.

8. Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center is a NGO committed to the promotion and protection of women's rights in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aim is to facilitate a re-balancing between men and women in terms of resources, legal rights, participation, and equal social relations, thereby achieving a peaceful society free from all forms of discrimination against women and the girl child.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has started holding the government accountable through legal actions on maternal mortality issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organisation celebrates the International Women's Day with a symbolic walk against rape, domestic violence and maternal mortality. The statement/ demands from the walk are usually submitted to both the executive and legislative arm of government for immediate action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organisation attended and organized side events during the 56th and 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), March 2012 and 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the 2013 and 2014 Women in Parliament Summit. It collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the root cause of gender based violence in Lagos and Ogun State, Nigeria, also got support from UNFPA on the two genders bills before the Ogun State house of Assembly. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) supported the Women's Governance Accountability Platform in Osun State's general elections.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

On MDG 5, the organization is running a project on social and legal action to improve maternal health in Nigeria. Under MDG 3, it worked on the implementation of domestic violence laws in 2 states in Nigeria and organized a Woman in Parliament Summit yearly to politically empower women.

9. Women Against Violence (Europe)

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) is a feminist network with member organizations in 46 European countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WAVE aims to support policy makers and strengthen women's NGOs in their work to support victims of violence against women (VAW) and their children. The purpose of the organization is to bring together various feminist women's movements across Europe to enable more effective cooperation and to gain influence in the fight against VAW.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2011, the network has increased its membership to include 107 member organizations. In May 2014, WAVE became a formal European network, inducing the creation of a Board.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As an implementing partner of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECARO), WAVE supported United Nations efforts to strengthen the capacities of health professionals to identify and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

(EECA). In 2012, WAVE provided written comments on the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) Strategic Plan for 2011-2013. In 2014, WAVE provided technical expertise to the drafting of the Beijing+20 report undertaken by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), as well as technical expertise on the role and core principles of support services at the UNFPA and UN Women global technical consultation on 2-4 December 2014, in Mexico City, Mexico.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, WAVE participated at the annual NGO forum held alongside the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York and hosted several joint parallel events. Further, WAVE attended the following United Nations events, among others, as speakers or facilitators:

- International Conference "Development and Institutionalization of Multisectoral Mechanisms to Counteract Domestic Violence", organized by the UNFPA Office in Belarus, 24-25 September 2014, Minsk, Belarus;
- Regional Meeting "Beijing+20 Regional Review", organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), 6-7 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- Regional Conference "Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century", organized by UNECE, 1-2 July 2013, Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As an implementing partner of UNFPA EECARO, WAVE partnered with UNFPA to strengthen the capacities of health professionals to identify and respond to GBV in EECA, 2011-2014. This included the development of a comprehensive resource package, as well as the facilitation of six trainings at the regional, sub-regional and country levels for UNFPA staff and local partners in EECA. In 2013, WAVE became a member of the Vienna NGO CSW.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WAVE's work as listed above contributed to the achievement of MDG 3.

10. Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WCCI) was established to solely promote and develop women entrepreneurship in Pakistan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to establish an organization whereby women entrepreneurs belonging to all tiers of society will find a forum to voice their concerns. To accomplish its mission, it aims to arrange monthly trainings on

marketing and selling skills; disseminate information and create awareness through seminars and workshops in cooperation with other organizations; encourage small women owned industries; and encourage new businesses among young women entrepreneurs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WCCI is working on office incubators with Academia. WCCI is an executive board member of the Provincial Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), Punjab, Pakistan. WCCI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with First Women Bank for facilitation of Prime Minister's Youth Programme, which is a revolutionary programme for the socio-economic development of youth. WCCI is a member of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Committee of the State Bank for facilitation of access to finance for women entrepreneurs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attends United Nations meetings, trainings and conferences in New York on a regular basis.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on promoting solar cooker technology and value chain analysis in rural areas. It worked with Homenet which is part of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). It conducted World Health Organization (WHO) certified trainings on Dengue. It participated in Polio immunization programmes with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It worked with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for the rehabilitation of displaced women from the Northern areas of the country.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following activities in support of the MDGs:

- The creation of a shop and office incubators to eradicate middleman;
- Health awareness campaigns;
- An awareness programme on workplace harassment with the Women Development Ministry;
- Social awareness through theatre performances;
- Technology upgrades in rural areas; and
- Trainings on organic farming.

11. Women for Human Rights, Single Women Group

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women for Human Rights, Single Women Group (WHR) is registered as a NGO in Kathmandu, Nepal, with the aim to uplift the status of the widows. WHR has a membership base of 100,000 widows mostly under the age of 45 who are organized in 1,500 Village Development Committees and spread across 73 districts of Nepal.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WHR's aim is to reclaim the dignity of widows. It carries out its aims by providing loans to widows to set up their own small scale enterprises; giving scholarships to widows' children; and lobbying and advocating to mainstream the issues of widows into the development agendas of the government.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization was registered as a charitable organization in the United States of America in 2014 under the name One International Chapter.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization actively worked as a member in the high level committee of the National Action Plan (NAP) implementation of the government, where it succeeded in incorporating issues of single women. It filed petition to the Ministry of Law and Justice demanding a new act endorsing 10% of the children income to be directly entitled by older parents. A working committee has been formed under the ministry for further action. The organization participated as a network member in the Completion of Beijing+20 National Women Conference in Nepal, 20-22 August 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 56th, 57th and 58th session of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW), 26 February-7 March 2012, 4-14 March 2013, 10-17 March 2014, New York and submitted joint written statements in all three sessions and an oral statement during the 58th session. WHR also participated in the 53rd session of the International Covenant on Economic. Social and Cultural Rights, 17-19 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHR advocated for the rights of widows in Nepal in cooperation with the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), 2011-2013. It received support from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) South Asia for evolving replicable, rights-based strategies for empowering widows through setting up social laboratories across India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, 2011-2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported the primary education of 1,000 children of widows living under poverty below 15 years of age and the higher education for 50 young widows under the age of 25. It also assisted in providing funds from the local government for capacity building and skills development trainings in 60 single women groups from 60 districts. Spaces for single women were built in 16 districts to provide different skill development training and legal counselling.

12. Women Founders Collective

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women Founders Collective operates on an international level to connect, assist, sustain and mentor women who have founded or seek to start non-governmental charitable, educational, civic, benevolent, social service or health service organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

By way of workshops, interface on its website, Facebook page and face-to-face meetings, Women Founders Collective offers a global support network for women founders and prospective founders of NGOs. Women founders involved with Women Founders Collective create connections that can result in increased self-esteem and greater self-confidence in the functioning of the woman founder and thus have a positive impact on each woman's organization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Women Founders Collective disseminates information from United Nations agencies to women founders in its network and encourages these women to attend United Nations meetings and conferences. Women Founders Collective has provided women founders in its network with many opportunities to become involved in the work of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Women Founders Collective participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during the reporting period and organized informal gatherings with current and prospective women founders during each of the sessions. The organization also attended mental health caucuses, side-events during United Nations meetings, caucuses from various countries and has taken part in the International Women's Day.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDG 3, Women Founders Collective organized and served on panels in the following two events sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): "Ageing Women," 26-27 August 2013, New Delhi, India; and "Unified Voice for Gender Equality," 9 December 2014, New Delhi.

13. Women's Action Group

Special, 1999

Introduction

Women's Action Group (WAG) is a NGO based in Harare, Zimbabwe, that focuses on empowering women and girls to enjoy their rights in violence free and rights conscious communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to develop products and tools for unlocking women's power to claim and enjoy their rights in violence free and rights conscious communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WAG contributes through implementation of its programmes, mainly on sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender based violence, and HIV/AIDS. WAG is implementing the He for She Campaign, initiated by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), through which WAG is mobilising men to stand up in support of women's rights. WAG collaborated with other organizations in preparing the Zimbabwe Civil Society Shadow report to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Committee in 2012. WAG played a critical role in ensuring that the new constitution of Zimbabwe included gender equality and women's rights provisions in collaboration with the Group of 20, 2009-2013. In the area of HIV/AIDS, WAG continues to advocate for female condoms and to ensure women's access anti-retroviral therapy. WAG provided inputs in the formulation of the Zimbabwe HIV and AIDS Strategy for 2011-2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the 55th, 56th and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2011, 2012 and 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WAG receives funding from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UN Women and the United Nations Population Fund

(UNFPA) to implement its programmes. WAG has also participated in United Nations events — the 2013 United Nations Day for example — and collaborated with United Nations agencies in those meetings.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organisation contributed to the MDGs 3, 4, 5 and 6 through meetings held at the community level and national advocacy. The organisation commemorated the following United Nations International Days and campaign annually:

- World Population Day in partnership with UNFPA in Harare;
- International World AIDS Days annually in partnership with the Zimbabwe National AIDS Council; and
- 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, 25 November-10 December.

14. Women's Human Rights International Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

Women's Human Rights International Association (WHRIA) is a NGO based in Paris, France.

Aims and purposes of the organization

No information was specified.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WHRIA organized a meeting with Member of the European Parliament Ms. Edit Bauer on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Strasbourg, France, 16 November 2011. It co-sponsored a big meeting with the International Federation of Women against Fundamentalism for Equality (WAFE), 10 March 2012. It participated in the second plenary session of Millennia2015, An action plan for women's empowerment, 3 December 2012, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WHRIA representatives attended the following meetings, among others:

- All but the 17th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, and submitted joint and individual written statements, made interventions on various items, and held joint parallel events;
- 20th session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, 2014;

- 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, during which it organized joint side-events; and
- 51st session of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHRIA has prepared and delivered materials to the following United Nations Special Rapporteurs to be used for their respective reports: Special Rapporteur on torture, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and Special Rapporteur on violence against women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WHRIA's goals are in line with and support MDG 3.

15. Women's International Zionist Organization

Special, 1959

Introduction

The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) was founded as a voluntary international social movement in 1920, in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It counts over 250,000 members in 50 Federations worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The WIZO movement is committed to increase equality in all fields and on all levels of society. Through its many projects, WIZO enables every member of society receiving its services, to obtain the tools and skills they need to achieve equal opportunities to better their lives, thus helping to reduce gaps and differences. These projects include providing equal education; eliminating illiteracy and computer ignorance amongst adults; combatting violence against women, children and youth; and advancing the status of women in legislation and through practical measures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WIZO shares its professional know-how, expertise and experience and is constantly adapted to the ever changing reality. WIZO representatives are active participants in all United Nations committees and conferences they attend.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WIZO attends the weekly United Nations Department of Information (DPI) briefings in New York. WIZO also attends the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) annually, New York, and is a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York, Geneva and Vienna, Austria. It attends the sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland and the meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) to which the NGOs are invited.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WIZO's core goals support MDGs 2 and 3 as it sees them as essential steps to combating poverty and illiteracy. WIZO empowers woman by providing them with the necessary skills and tools to advance in their careers and engage in positions in all levels of government. In Latin America, WIZO assists the poor and the elderly and provides education to the very poor population living in remote communities.